(b) if so, whether the Government and the Central Pollution Control Board have issued directions to OIL and ONGC to install the effluent treatment plant; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) According to the Assam Pollution Control Board, air and water pollution occurred in the oild fields due to the occasional failures of pollution control measures in the installations of Oil India Ltd. and ONGC.

(b) and (c) The Assam Pollution Control Boad had directed the defaulting units to install treatment plants for their effluents. Accordingly, these two units have taken necessary measures to control pollution which include the following:

(i) ONGC have already installed 7 nos. of mobile and static effluent treatment plants (ETP);

(ii) Strengthening of slurry pits, ring bundh, flare pits etc.;

(iii) Segregation of oil bearing effluents;

(iv) Recycling of waste water back into the process;

(v) Reduction in flaring of gases;

(vi) Recovery of oil from effluents.

Shortage of Urea

5920. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is acute shortage of Urea in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;

(c) whether the Maharashtra State Government has requested the Union Government for supplying more urea;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) For Kharif '97, the assessed requirement of urea in Maharashtra has been 11.0 lakh tonnes. There has been no demand from the State for its revision so far.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Development of Watersheds

5921. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government had sent any proposal for seeking external financial assistance from the World Bank and the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) for the Development of Watersheds in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present position of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Karnataka Government has submitted a project proposal outline for watershed development in the State for seeking financial assistance from World Bank. The proposal aims at developing 40 major watersheds of 20,000 ha. each distributed throughout the state with emphasis on Participatory Community Management. The proposal has been submitted to Department of Economic Affairs for taking an appropriate decision.

Another Watershed Development project proposal which envisages coverage of three districts namely Chitradurga, Bellary and Bijapur has been submitted by the state for seeking financial assistance from Overseas Development Administration (ODA). The main components under the project include Soil & Water Conservation; development of common property resources, Land based activities; and training of various stake holders. The project proposal will be finalised in consultating with the concerned Departments/Agencies.

Schemes for Rajasthan

5922. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA :
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has sought any additional allocation of funds for Janta Jal Yojna, Community Lift Irrigation Scheme, and Project for the over all Development of Dungarpur District to the Government of India;

(b) if so, by which time sanction funds is likely to be made; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?